

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 137

By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to commend Martha M. McKennon for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Martha M. McKennon is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her more than thirty exemplary years as a banking employee and dedicated volunteer for a number of civic-minded organizations, Ms. McKennon has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the Maury County community; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Hillsboro High School in Nashville, Martha McKennon attended Columbia State Community College; she received her Certified Professional Secretary Certificate in 1982, and has since taught CPS review courses at the college; and

WHEREAS, since 1974, Ms. McKennon has diligently worked for First Farmers & Merchants Bank in a variety of positions; she currently serves as Vice President/Executive Assistant/Secretary to Board, Secretary of FF&M Corporation, which she has held since 2000; she is also the Honorary Directors' Council Coordinator and a Strategic Planning Committee Member; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McKennon is a member of the Middle Tennessee Group of the National Association of Bank Women/Financial Women International; she has represented Tennessee in a variety of leadership positions for the organization including, Public Affairs Committee Chair from 1986 to 1987, Tennessee State Council Secretary-Treasurer from 1991 to 1992, Tennessee State Council Vice President from 1992 to 1993, and Tennessee State Council

President from 1993 to 1994; in 1992, she was named "Middle Tennessee Group Member of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, Martha McKennon is a member of the Board of Directors for the American Physical Therapy Association, which organization she served as treasurer from 1997 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her professional accomplishments, Ms. McKennon also lends her time and talents to a number of notable organizations: She is the treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors for the ALS Association, Central Tennessee Chapter; she has served as the Maury County Memorials Chairman of the American Heart Association, Middle Tennessee Chapter, since 1982; and she has served as the Maury County Heart Walk Co-Chairman in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Martha McKennon holds the distinct honor of being the first female to serve as president of the Board of Directors for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Maury County; she served as president in 1989, 1990, and in 1991, and as secretary in 1988, and she continues to serve as a member of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McKennon is also a member of the Board of Directors for Hope House and served as secretary to the Board from 1997 to 2000; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McKennon's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Martha McKennon is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Martha McKennon is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Martha M. McKennon for her honorable and astute

service to the good people of Tennessee and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.